

MusicNotes

The Official Newsletter of the Ottawa and Kanata Music Academy

Important Dates

September 2014

National Piano Month

September 1st 2014

Labour Day –
Academy Closed

September 1st 1830

“Mary Had a Little Lamb”
was published

September 11th 1962

The Beatles recorded first
Single: “Love Me Do”

October 20th – 31st

Halloween Costume
Contest

November 4th 2014

RCM Winter Session
Registration Deadline

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Welcome!

It's that time of the year again!

Summer vacation is sadly over and it's time to get back to structure and schedules. Not to worry, we are here to help you readjust! Our staff is pleased to see returning students and they would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new enrollees. We are happy to have you as members of our community!



Yaswini V.
Shelby H.
Dory X.
Sofiya I.
Mark W.
Annie C.
Violet L.
Robert Z.
Liana Z.
Merrina Z.
Leah Z.
Ethan P.
Sarah V.
Nathalie C.
Kiera S.
Keagan S.
Karen A.
Carole H.
Jeremy B.
Elizabeth F.

Liliane A.
Giorgio A.
Thalia A.
Maheli A.
Tristan R.
Alia F.
Zein F.
Amanda P.
Lily B.
Petra F.
Noura Z.
Jasmine D.
Marc L.
Issac D.
Lello O.
Tres R.
Madeleine O.
Mayme L.
Sahara W.
Graham P.

George L.
Brianna L.
Neve R.
Malak R.
Marc L.
Tristan H.
Ark G.

Vihangi W.
Jack H.
Maria W.
Aaron C.
Alicia C.
Vanessa F.

We also welcome our new teachers and administration staff. We are glad to have you on our team!

Alma – Guitar
Sophie – Piano
Kaitlyn – Piano
Eric – Brass, strings, vocal
Julia – Administration
Dhartie – Violin
Kelsey – Voice
Victor – Piano

Connect with us online and share your photos and videos!



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Open House

On August 10th and August 17th, we hosted our annual Open House. The aim of the event is to invite members of the public who are interested in music lessons to visit our school and learn about the opportunities and services we offer. Visitors toured our facilities, met our wonderful staff and got detailed information about our exciting programs. Many of our teachers were present to offer their expertise and knowledge. We also invited current students to showcase their talents through live performances.

Thank you to the staff that attended and to the students who volunteered their time to help make the event a success!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent RCM examination results. Keep up the good work!

William Lee: Grade 1 – First Class Honours with Distinction

Abhijit Sinha: Grade 1 – First Class Honours

Dahlia Simser: Grade 2 – First Class Honours

Justin Wong: Grade 3 – First Class Honours with Distinction

Melissa Trinh: Basic Rudiments – First Class Honours with Distinction

We want to hear about your musical accomplishments! Visit the administration desk and let us know about your achievements and you could be featured in our next newsletter!

Practice Tips

Practice is necessary for continuous progress but it can be hard to keep up regular practice sessions with school and extra-curricular activities going on! How do you make the most of practice sessions? How do you build good practice habits when starting music lessons? How do you motivate yourself to practice after a relaxing summer vacation?

Here are some tips from our teachers to help you out!

Don't give up! When something is difficult, the slower the better until you're ready to speed it up!
- Laura

Stick to a routine! Don't forget to have fun.
- Vincent

Play songs you enjoy listening to. Mix fun songs with solid theory and practice.
- Travis

Really listen to how your piece sounds when you are practicing. Knowing how you sound will help you understand how you can improve your playing when your teacher gives you feedback.
- Michelle



Incredible Instrument: Piano

- Invented in 1698 by Bartolomeo Cristofori in Italy.
- A piano has approximately 12,000 parts. 10,000 parts move to produce sound
- The world's largest piano: 11 feet, 8 inches long.
- Although pianos are stringed instruments, they are classified as percussion.
- One of the most expensive pianos ever sold: Victorian Steinway Grand, sold for \$1.2 million

"Pianos are such noble instruments – they're either upright or grand."
- Unknown



We Want To Know...

Did you go on vacation this summer?

- A. No, I stayed near home. Stay-cation!**
- B. Yes. I went to...**

Visit the administration desk and fill out a form and your answer may be featured in our next newsletter!

Stay tuned to find out what were the vacation hot-spots for the Ottawa and Kanata Music Academy students this year!



Kanata Music Academy



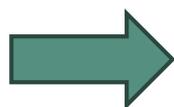
New signs at OMA



New signs at KMA

You might notice some changes at our facilities this fall. The Academies had a little makeover this summer. Beautiful eye-catching signs were added to our store windows. The Kanata Music Academy reception area underwent some renovations to make the lobby more attractive to visitors and to effectively display our products and inventory.

What do you think of the new look?



Our website is also undergoing some drastic changes. The new website will be modern, interactive and easy to navigate. Keep an eye out for the changes coming this fall at www.ottawamusicacademy.com or www.kanatamusicacademy.com.

Back To School Sale

Everything in-store 15% off

Save up to 70% off instruments

10 month special on Instrument Rentals

See store for more details

Missed Lesson Policy Reminder

Students may reschedule **up to four** lessons throughout the school year.

Cancellations must be made **24 hours in advance** to receive a make-up lesson time.

Teacher absences do not count towards the four allotted make-up lessons.

There are no make-up classes for missed group lessons.

See the administration for more information.